

ELK MASTER LIST

December 10, 2015

Specific proposed changes for 2016-17 are listed below. All other season components except calendar rotation are proposed unchanged from 2015.

Statewide: Require a person to already have a Bow and Arrow license when applying for any archery-only deer, elk or antelope license or permit, e.g. the antelope 900-20 archery license, the Breaks 900-20 archery elk permit, the Bitterroot 260-01 deer B License.

Region 1

HD 101/109: **Establish early shoulder season** to address game damage primarily in the Tobacco Plains area with 50 199-00 B-licenses (range 5-100) for antlerless elk valid on private land only excluding Plum Creek, Stimpson, and Stoltze Timber lands 8/15-10/16.

Region 2

All R2 HDs with elk B Licenses: Eliminate the stipulation that a B License holder may not take an antlered bull in that HD.

HD 200: Change 200-00 B Licenses to antlerless permits (quota 5, range 5-100). Holders may not hunt antlered elk in HD 200.

HD 201: Change B Licenses to antlerless permits and increase quota, 201-00 from 60 to 85 (range 5-300) and 201-01 from 30 to 50 (range 5-100). Non-youth holders may not hunt antlered elk in HD 201.

Change 201-00 and General License youth opportunity from only valid on private land to only valid in Ninemile/Sixmile area (subdistrict 201-00).

Add antlerless to general license for all HD 201 for archery only season.

HD 202: Change 202-00 B-licenses to antlerless permits (quota 15, range 5-100). Holders may not hunt antlered elk in HD 202.

HD 210: Remove 210-00 B Licenses.

Remove 210-01 B Licenses (Only valid on private land)

Define northern and a southern portions

Establish Shoulder Season

Add 210-02 antlerless permits (quota 50, range 5-500) for archery and general. Only valid in southern portion of HD 210. Non-youth holders may not hunt antlered elk in HD 210.

Add 210-03 B Licenses (quota 200, range 5-1000) valid 8/15-01/01 Only valid in southern portion of HD 210, outside of the National Forest Boundary.

Add 210-04 antlerless permits (quota 150, range 5-1000) for archery and general. Only valid in northern portion of HD 210. Non-youth holders may not hunt antlered elk in HD 210.

Add 210-05 B Licenses (quota 400, range 5-1000) valid 8/15-01/01 Only valid in northern portion of HD 210, outside of the National Forest Boundary.

HDs 211/213/214/216: Convert existing B Licenses to permits at existing levels. Non-youth holders may not hunt antlered elk in that HD.

HDs 212: Establish new HD 217 Rock Cr to Douglas Cr in north part of HD 212.

Define new portions of redefined HD 212

Remove 212-03 B License

Convert existing 212-00 and 212-01 B Licenses to permits at existing levels valid in the new portions. Non-youth holders may not hunt antlered elk in HD 212.

HDs 215, 318 & 335 (Deer Lodge EMU): Remove (215-00, 215-01, 318-00, 335-00) B Licenses in these HDs.

Establish 394-00 antlerless permit (quota 800, range 200-2000) valid in HDs 215, 318, and 335 during both archery and rifle season. Non-youth holders may not hunt antlered elk in any of these HDs.

Establish Shoulder Season in HD 215 with 215-02 OTC B Licenses not valid on USFS or the Spotted Dog WMA valid 8/15 - 2/15.

HD 217 – New HD: A new HD created from the north part of HD 212 between Douglas Cr. and Rock Cr.

Establish Shoulder Season

Establish 217-00 OTC B-licenses valid 8/15/16 to 1/15/17

Establish 217-20 either sex permits (quota 100, range 5-200) valid in archery and general season

Establish 217-21 either sex permits for youth only (quota 25, range 5-200) valid in archery and general season

Establish General License for HD 217 as follows:

ArchEquip only for antlerless elk 8/15-1/15

No general firearms season

Youth opportunity any weapon for antlerless elk 8/15 to 1/15.

HD 250: Increase bull permits from 25 to 40

HD 260: Add 260-00 B License (quota 20, range 1-75). 1st choice only. Private land only. ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader, or crossbow only. Not valid west of Highway 93 in Missoula County.

Change general license to include the area west of Hwy 93.

HD 261: Change private land description for the 261-01 B-licenses from “Private land only.” to “Only valid outside the National Forest boundary and NOT valid on Calf Creek WMA.”

Establish quota range for 261-01 B Licenses (currently undefined) of 10-200

HD 262: Add general license opportunity so that archers can harvest antlerless elk 8/15-01/15.

Establish 262-01 B License quota range (currently undefined) at 10-300

HD 270: Establish quota ranges for elk B Licenses as follows (establishing ranges was an oversight when these licenses were established):

270-00 (Rye north): 10-200

270-01 (Rye north youth): 10-200

270-02 (East Fork): 10-400

270-03 (East Fork youth): 10-400

270-04 (west of 93): 5-100

270-05 (west of 93 youth): 5-100

HD 281: Establish 281-00 B-license during archery and general season (quota 25, range 5-150)

HD 290: Remove 298-00 B-license.

Establish Shoulder Season 290-01 OTC B-license. Only valid on private land. 8/15--2/15

HDs 291&298: Remove 291-00 B License

Establish Shoulder Season. Establish 299-00 B License (quota 400, range 5-1000) valid in HDs 291 & 298 valid 8/15-1/1 and not valid on BLM land.

Establish 297-00 antlerless elk permit (quota 800, range 5-2000) valid in HDs 291 & 298.

Non-youth holders may not hunt antlered elk in HD 291 but may do so in HD 298.

HD 292: **Establish Shoulder Season.** Establish 292-00 antlerless permit (quota 300, range 5-500) valid only on private land in the Blackfoot watershed 8/15--11/27.

Remove either-sex on private land on general license and make it Brow-tined bull entire HD.

HD 293: Remove 293-00 B License

Establish new Southern Portion of HD 293

Include in the 396-00 antlerless permit bundle for HDs 339, 343 and southern portion of 293 (quota 600, range 200-1500) valid archery and general seasons. Holders may not hunt antlered in any of these HDs.

Region 3

HDs 300, 302 & 328 (Tendoy EMU); 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327 & 330 (Gravelly EMU); and 320 & 333 (Tobacco Root EMU) (12 HDs total):

Remove 300-00, 302-00, 320-00 and 328-00 B-licenses.

Establish 399-00 B License (quota 500, range 400-1000) valid during archery and general season in all 12 HDs

Move the Tendoy EMU (HDs 300, 302 & 328) general season from BTB to BTB/antlerless.

Maintain the 6-week BTB/antlerless archery season.

Maintain either-sex youth opportunity in the Tendoy EMU.

HD 301/309: Establish 395-00 B-licenses (quota 100, range 25-500) not valid on Nat'l Forest lands during archery and general seasons to address game damage in Gallatin Valley.

HD 311: Establish 311-00 B-licenses (quota 500, range 100-1000) not valid on Nat'l Forest lands

HD 312: **Establish Shoulder Season**

Remove 312-00 B-license

Include in the OTC 397-00 B License bundle (HDs 312, 390, 393) valid 09/03-2/15. Not valid on Nat'l Forest lands.

HD 313: Establish bull permit 313-45 (quota 75, range 50-150) 1st choice only

Establish 313-01 B License (quota 30, range 15-50)

Establish 313-00 youth-only B License (quota 30, range 15 – 50)

Eliminate 313-10 youth-only brow-tined bull or antlerless permit

HD 314: Establish youth-only brow-tined bull or antlerless south of Big Creek

HDs 318/335: Delete existing 318-00 and 335-00 B Licenses in these HDs.

Include these HDs in the 394-00 antlerless permit (quota 800, range 200-2000) bundle valid in HDs 215, 318, and 335 during both archery and rifle season. Non-youth holders may not hunt antlered elk in any of these HDs.

HDs 293, 339 & 343 (Granite Butte EMU): Remove 293-00, 339-00, 343-00 B Licenses from these 3 HDs
Establish new Southern Portion of HD 293
Establish 396-00 antlerless permits for HDs 339, 343 and southern portion of 293 (quota 600, range 200-1500) valid archery and general seasons. Non-youth holders may not hunt antlered elk in any of these HDs.

HD 340: Remove 340-00 B-licenses
Establish 340-10 Brow-tined or antlerless permits (quota 150, range 50-400) valid archery and general seasons.
Increase antlerless opportunity on general license from first week to first 3 weeks.

HD 350/370: Increase antlerless opportunity on general license from first week to Brow-tined Bull/Antlerless entire archery and general season in each HD.

HD 360/362: Rename 360-01 B License to 398-00 for consistency where B Licenses and/or permits are valid in 2 or more HDs.
Eliminate mandatory phone reporting requirement for harvest in these HDs. The requirement is poorly adhered to and yields poor, redundant data.

HD 380: Portion description change. Expand South Portion to include the area outside the National Forest Boundary between Muskrat Creek and Prickly Pear Creek.

HD 390: **Establish Shoulder Season**
Remove 390-00 B-licenses
Include in the OTC 397-00 B License bundle (HDs 312, 390, 393) valid 09/03-2/15. Not valid on Nat'l Forest lands.
General season to go from Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless for the entire season to Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless for the first 4 weeks and Antlerless-only for the last week to match neighboring HD 391.
General license shoulder season for antlerless elk 11/28-2/15 not valid on National Forest land

HD 391: **Establish shoulder season**
Establish 391-00 B License (quota 350, range 100-600) valid district-wide during archery and general seasons and not valid on USFS lands during an 11/30-12/31 shoulder season.
General season to go from Brow-tined Bull to Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless for the first 4 weeks and Antlerless-only for the last week to match neighboring HD 390.
Boundary change in 391: east boundary moves west to Belt Mtns divide to accommodate new HD 451 and north boundary move north from Duck Cr. to Magpie/Avalanche Cr. to accommodate new definitions of HDs 391 & 392.

HD 392: Remove 392-01 B-license
Change 392-00 B-license to be valid entire redefined HD
Reduce 392-00 quota from 300 to 75 and range from 50-400 to 50-250
Boundary change in 392: South boundary moves north from Duck Cr. to Magpie/Avalanche Cr. to accommodate new definitions of HDs 391 & 392.
Boundary change in 392: Northeast boundary changes to put the upper reaches of Beaver Creek that are next to Jim Ball Basin and Elk Ridge into HD 446 to facilitate elk management in the way that elk use the area. Most elk that use this area are associated with HD 446.

HD 393: Establish Shoulder Season

Remove 393-01 B-licenses

Include in the OTC 397-00 B License bundle (HDs 312, 390, 393) valid 09/03-2/15. Not valid on Nat'l Forest lands.

General License shoulder season for antlerless elk 11/28-2/15 not valid on National Forest land

Region 4

HD 410: Establish Shoulder Season

During the 1/1-2/15 shoulder season Either-sex 410-20 permits valid for ANTLERLESS ELK ONLY and not valid on CMR.

Increase quota range of 410-00 B License from 200-800 to 200-1000

410-00 B-licenses also valid 01/01-2/15 but not on the CMR

HD 411: Establish Shoulder Season General license valid 8/15-2/15 but not valid on National Forest lands

Make 411-00 B License (quota 400, range 100-600) valid in HDs 411, 511, & 530.

004-00 B Licenses valid 8/15-2/15. Not valid on National Forest lands or FWP WMAs

HD 412: Establish Shoulder Season for either-sex permit (412-20) holders, and antlerless elk license (004-00) holders.

Either-sex permits during 11/28 – 2/15 shoulder season valid for ANTLERLESS ELK ONLY.

004-00 B-licenses valid 9/3-2/15.

HD 416: Remove 416-00 B-license – not used much and will decrease pressure on limited public land.

HD 417: Establish Shoulder Season

417-20 permits valid 11/28 – 2/15 for ANTLERLESS ELK ONLY. Not valid on CMR.

004-00 B-licenses valid 9/3-2/15. Not valid on CMR.

HD 421: Establish Shoulder Season for 004-00 B-Licenses valid for any weapon 8/15-11/27 & 1/1-2/15.

HD 422: Establish Shoulder Season with 422-00 and 004-00 B Licenses

422-00 B License also valid 1/1-2/15 but not valid on National Forest lands during the shoulder season.

004-00 B Licenses valid as follows:

- Sep 03 – Oct 16 - Antlerless Elk. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 22 – Nov 27 – Antlerless Elk
- Jan 01 – Feb 15 – Antlerless Elk

HD 423: Establish Shoulder Season for 004-00 B-Licenses as follows:

- Sep 03 – Oct 16 - Antlerless Elk. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 22 – Nov 27 – Antlerless Elk
- Jan 01 – Feb 15 – Antlerless Elk

HD 426: Eliminate the 426-20 ES permit.

Create general license either-sex opportunity during both archery and rifle seasons.

Remove HD 426 as a valid HD from the 900-20 (Archery Bundle).

Remove HD 426 as a valid HD from the 900-00 LPT.

HD 442: Reduce 442-00 quota range minimum from 100 to 50

HD 445: **Establish Shoulder Season** on the general license as below:

- Aug 15 – Oct 21 - Antlerless Elk. Not valid on National Forest land or FWP WMAs.
- Sep 03 - Oct 16 - Either-sex Elk. Archery Equip Only Season.
- Oct 22 - Nov 06 - Either-sex Elk.
- Nov 7 – Nov 27 - Antlerless Elk.
- Nov 28 – Feb 15 - Antlerless Elk. Not valid on National Forest land or FWP WMAs.

004-00 B-license good 8/15-2/15 not valid on USFS, FWP WMA's or CMR.

Adjust the HD boundary after addition of Whitetail Prairie to the Beartooth WMA

HD 446: **Establish Shoulder Season** on the general license as below:

- Aug 15 – Oct 21 - Antlerless Elk. Not valid on National Forest land or FWP WMAs.
- Sep 03 - Oct 16 – Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk. Archery Equip Only Season.
- Oct 22 - Nov 27 - Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk.
- Nov 28 – Feb 15 - Antlerless Elk. Not valid on National Forest land or FWP WMAs.

004-00 B-license good 8/15-2/15 not valid on USFS, FWP WMA's or CMR.

Adjust the hunting district 446/392 boundary for deer, elk, mountain lion and furbearer.

Boundary change in 446: Northwest boundary changes to put the upper reaches of Beaver Creek that are next to Jim Ball Basin and Elk Ridge, currently in HD 392, into HD 446 to facilitate elk management in the way that elk use the area. Most elk that use this area are associated with HD 446.

HD 449 & 452: **Establish Shoulder Season** on the general license as below:

- Aug 15 – Oct 21 - Antlerless Elk. Not valid on National Forest land or FWP WMAs.
- Sep 03 - Oct 16 – Either-sex Elk. Archery Equip Only Season.
- Oct 22 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Elk.
- Nov 28 – Feb 15 - Antlerless Elk. Not valid on National Forest land or FWP WMAs.

004-00 B-license good 8/15-2/15 not valid on USFS, FWP WMA's or CMR.

HD 451: New HD. **Establish Shoulder Season** 8/15-2/15 not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR.

- Aug 15 – Oct 21 – Antlerless Elk. Not Valid on National Forest lands
- Sep 03 – Oct 16 – Brow tined Bull or Antlerless Elk. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 22 – Nov 27 –Brow tined Bull or Antlerless Elk
- Nov 28 – Feb 15 – Antlerless Elk. Not Valid on National Forest lands

004-00 B-Licenses valid 8/15-2/15 not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR during shoulder seasons.

HD 455: Adjust the HD boundary after addition of Whitetail Prairie to the Beartooth WMA

Region 5

All R5 (except HD 500): 502, Portion of 510 west of HWY 310, 511, Portion of 520 north and west of West Fork of Rock Creek, 530, 540, 560 Portion north of Falls Creek, 570, 575, 580, Portion of 590 north of Yellowstone River. **Establish Shoulder Season** with general license:

- 8/15-10/21 – Antlerless elk. Private land only
- 9/3 – 10-16 – Either-sex or Spike bull/antlerless (depending on HD). Archery only.
- 10/22-11/27 – Either-sex or Spike bull/antlerless (depending on HD)
- 11/28- 2/15 – Antlerless elk. Private land only

005-00 B-Licenses (1200) valid 8/15-2/15 on private land only.

Individual R5 HD B-licenses as below: Valid district wide in each HD to address situations where elk are expected to concentrate on National Forest lands adjacent to private lands and be otherwise unavailable for harvest. Valid 9/3 – 10/16 Archery only then 10/22 – 2/15.

HD 502 & 510 portion: Create 502-01 B-Licenses (quota 50, range 5-150)

HD 511 & 530: 411-00 B-Licenses valid (quota 400, range 100-600)

HD 520: Create 520-01 B-Licenses (quota 50, range 5-150)

Increase the 520-20 ES permit quota range from 25-30 to 25-50

HD 540: Create 540-01 B-Licenses (quota 100, range 50-300)

HD 560: Create 560-01 B-Licenses (quota 100, range 50-300)

HD 570: Create 570-01 B-Licenses (quota 50, range 5-150)

HD 575: Create 575-01 B-Licenses (quota 50, range 5-150), increase ES 575-20 quota range from 10-15 to 10-50

HD 580: Create 580-01 B-Licenses (quota 100, range 50-300)

HD 590: Create 590-01 B-Licenses (quota 100, range 50-300)

Region 6

HD 680 & 690: **Establish Shoulder Season**, create 696-00 B-License (quota 100, range 100-500) valid 12/15-12/31 in both HDs. Not valid on CMR Refuge.

Create antlerless elk permit 697-00 (quota 100, range 100-300) valid during archery and general seasons in both HDs. Only valid on private land outside of Block Management Areas.

HDs 620, 621, 622, 630, 631 & 632 (Missouri Breaks EMU): **Establish Shoulder Season.**

Create 699-00 B-License (quota 500, range 100-1000) valid in all HDs 12/15-12/31. Not valid on CMR.

Create 698-00 antlerless permit (quota 300, range 100-500) valid in all HDs during archery and general. Not valid on CMR.

Region 7

All R7: Create 007-00 B-License (quota 500, range 500-1500) valid archery and general. Not valid on National Forest lands or CMR Refuge.

HD 701: Simplify the regulations referring to the southwest portion of the HD by removing the language, "Valid in portion of HD 701 north of Yellowstone River, south of Hwy 12 and west of Sumatra-Myers Rd." It is not needed.

Change the archery-only and general elk regulation in the southwest portion of the HD north of the Yellowstone River, south of Hwy 12 and west of Sumatra-Hysham Rd from Antlerless Elk to Spike Bull or Antlerless Elk to match the regulation in adjacent HD 590. The rest of the HD will remain Either-sex.

HD 702, 704 & 705: Increase 799-20 Either-sex permit from 175 to 225.

Change language for general season in these HDs from *"Only valid outside Natl Forest Administrative boundary. Boundary maps available at: Forest Service Office in Ashland; FWP-R7 HQ 406-234-0900 in Miles City; License Providers in area; and on FWP website."* to **"Not valid on National Forest Lands"**

Regions 4, 5 & 7

HDs 401, 403, 411, 412, 426, 447, 450, 500, 502, Portion of 510 west of HWY 310, 511, Portion of 520 North and west of West Fork of Rock Creek, 530, 540, 560, 570, 575, 580, Portion of 590 north of Yellowstone River, 701 north of Yellowstone River, south of HWY 12 and west of Sumatra-Myers Road, 702, 704 and 705:

Eliminate 900-00 B Licenses. It is redundant, undersubscribed, underused, and doing so would simplify the regulations.